

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking vehicles, comprising:
means for receiving data identifying a particular location from a user interface device;
means for automatically translating said received data received into a set of location values;
means for storing said set of location values;
means for monitoring travel data associated with a vehicle based upon location values produced by a location sensor that senses vehicle location ~~coupled to said vehicle~~;
means for comparing said set of said location values produced by said location sensor to said set of stored location values;
means for determining when said vehicle is within a predefined proximity of said particular location; and
means for causing a notification communication to be transmitted to a user communications device in response to a determination that said vehicle is within said predefined proximity of said particular location.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising means for causing display of ~~displaying, via said user interface,~~ a map on said user interface device including symbols representing various locations, said particular location associated with one of the symbols.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising means for transmitting data defining said map across the Internet to said user interface.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising:

means for selecting said symbol associated with said particular location; and
means for transmitting said data identifying said particular location.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking vehicles, comprising:

means for receiving data identifying a plurality of locations;

means for automatically defining a plurality of routes based on said data identifying a plurality of locations;

means for associating each of said plurality of locations with one of said routes;

means for automatically translating said data identifying said plurality of locations into location values;

means for storing a set of said location values, said set of location values identifying a particular location;

means for monitoring travel of a vehicle based on location values produced by a location sensor that senses vehicle location ~~coupled to said vehicle~~;

means for comparing said set of said location values produced by said location sensor to said set of stored location values;

means for determining when said vehicle is within a predefined proximity of said particular location; and

means for causing a notification message to be transmitted to a user communications device in response to a determination in said determining step that said vehicle is within said predefined proximity of said particular location.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for displaying a map including at least one symbol, said one symbol representing said location; and

means for enabling a user to select said one symbol,

wherein said received data includes data transmitted in response to a user selection of said one symbol.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking vehicles, comprising:
receiving data identifying a particular location from a user interface device;
translating said received data received into a set of location values;
storing said set of location values;
monitoring travel data associated with a vehicle based upon location values produced by
a location sensor;
comparing said set of said location values produced by said location sensor to said set of
stored location values;
determining when said vehicle is within a predefined proximity of said particular
location; and
causing a notification communication to be transmitted to a communications device in
response to a determination that said vehicle is within said predefined proximity of said
particular location. ~~A method for a notification computer system, comprising the steps of:~~
~~displaying a map to a party;~~
~~enabling the party to identify one or more locations or one or more regions on the map;~~
~~monitoring travel data associated with travel status of a mobile vehicle; and~~
~~causing a notification communication to a party communications device that is remote~~
~~from the notification computer system based upon the travel status in relation to the identified~~
~~locations or regions.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of
providing ~~the~~ a map to the party user interface device over the Internet.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of commencing the
causing step when the vehicle has reached or is in a predefined proximity of the identified one or
more locations or one or more regions.

~~10~~ 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the predefined proximity
is based upon a location, distance, or time information.

11 ~~10~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of using a disposing the notification computer system on the ~~mobile~~ vehicle to perform the causing step.

12 ~~11~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of using a disposing the notification computer system at a location that is remote from the ~~mobile~~ vehicle and the ~~party communications~~ user communications device to perform the causing step.

13 ~~12~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of providing ~~another a~~ map to the ~~party~~ user communications device during the notification communication and indicating on the map a location of the ~~mobile~~ vehicle.

14 ~~13~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of enabling ~~the party to enter~~ entry of a location where a delivery or pickup is to take place.

15 ~~14~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of generating the travel data based upon checkpoint locations to be traversed by the ~~mobile~~ vehicle.

16 ~~15~~. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of providing a message during the notification communication, the message indicative of the travel status of the ~~mobile~~ vehicle.

17 ~~16~~. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A notification computer system that implements the steps of claim 7.

18. (Newly Added) The method of claim 7 wherein the user communications device is a computer, television, pager or telephone.

19. (Newly Added) The method of claim 7, wherein the notification communication is an email.

20. (Newly Added) The method of claim 7, wherein the vehicle is a plane, train, boat, or motor vehicle.